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SPORTS

Varsity baseball

Raiders sweep in double header

Two wins in a double-header against Jefferson Forest Friday left the Raider varsity baseball team in a tie for second place in the Seminole District.

The wins lifted the Raiders' record to 8-3 at the end of last week, with Buckingham and Gretna sporting 8-4 records in the Seminole District.

In the first game Friday, Appomattox jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first inning. Tom Cobb led off the inning with a hit, then Gary Ferguson walked.

Paul Johnson singled to drive in Cobb, then Mike Jackson singled to drive in Ferguson. Russell Walton later drove in two more runs with a single after several Jefferson Forest errors, and the final run scored in that inning was also on an error.

Cobb scored a sixth run in the second inning after two more Forest errors, then Jefferson Forest scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning, on two hits and two walks.

In the fifth inning, Forest picked up three runs to narrow the Raider lead to 6-5.

Paul Johnson came in to relieve starting pitcher Mike Jackson in the fifth inning.

The raiders clinched the game in the seventh inning with four more runs, on key hits by Russell Walton (triple), Mike Ferguson and Lonnie Hamlett.

Mike Jackson was credited with the win, and Johnson got a save in the first game of the doubleheader.

In the second game, Raider Timmy Austin got over a rough start in the first inning to record a win in his first start on the mound.

Forest made good use of three big hits in the bottom of the first inning to take a 3-2 lead, after the Raiders had scored twice in their half of the first.

The Raiders came back to tie the game in the top of the fourth inning, when Mike Ferguson singled, stole second base, then scored on an error.

Appomattox went ahead in the fifth inning when Gary Ferguson walked, then scored following a Mike Jackson single, and a fielder's choice.

The Raiders scored once more in the sixth inning, when Tony Chandler walked, stole second, then scored on a Jefferson Forest error.

Austin was credited with the win and Paul Johnson, who relieved Austin in the fifth inning, was credited with a save.

Stolen bases played a big part in the game, with Gary Ferguson, Mike Jackson and Mike Ferguson each stealing two bases, and Paul Johnson, Russell Walton and Tony Mann each stealing one base.

The Raiders were scheduled to play Gretna Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline and the team will play Buckingham Friday in a twi-night doubleheader at home, with the first game starting at 5 p.m. at the Appomattox Town Ball Park.

THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM was preparing this week for Thursday's district track meet tomorrow (Thursday) at Altavista. Athletes who will compete in individual events at the district meet are (front, from left) Kim Shupe (high jump), Janet Smith (400 meters), Nancy Cole (shotput, discus), Angel Goode (long jump, 100 and 200 meters), P.D. Myrick (3200 meters), Lynn Robinson (1600 and 800 meters), April Archer (hurdles); and (back row, from left) Malcolm Miller (800 and 1600 meters), Jimmy Fillingame (hurdles), Jack Williams (3200 meters), Todd Scruggs (400 meters, shotput, discus), Larry Shorter (hurdles), Dale Robinson (long jump, 200 meters), and Roger Willis (pole vault). (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

R. L. RAGLAND of Appomattox brought home this 19 pound turkey gobbler on Thursday morning of last week. He and a brother, Herman Ragland were turkey hunting in the Piney Mountain area of Appomattox County.

HERMAN RAGLAND and his boys, R.L. and Kevin Ragland, shows 18-pound turkey he bagged April 24 near Red House. He was hunting with his brother, Robert, who shot a turkey two days later (See accompanying photo).

In softball

Raiderettes take two

The Rhiderettes softball team won a doubleheader from Jefferson Forest last Thursday, after losing 10-3 to Nelson County on Wednesday afternoon.

Seven errors and only five Raiderette hits were the fatal combination for the Raiderettes against Nelson County. Nelson took a two-run lead in the first inning, and never trailed, adding a run in the second inning, three in the sixth, and four in the final inning.

The Raiderettes scored once in the fourth inning and twice more in the seventh inning.

Marsha Cheatham and Diann Jones hit triples for Appomattox, and Karen McFadden went two for two at the plate against Nelson.

In the first game of Thursday's doubleheader against Jefferson Forest, Appomattox took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, which probed to be enough to win the game. The Raiderettes scored again in the third inning and twice more in the fifth inning.

"Cheatham, McFadden and Jones made some key defensive plays to save some runs in this game, noted coach Mary Tolley. The coach also comended Shelia Mullins for pitching, "one of the better games, allowing only one run off seven hits, and only two walks.

Offensive standouts included McFadden and Cheatham, who both went two for four at the plate in the first game against Forest.

In the second Jefferson Forest game, Forest took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, and stretched that lead 4-1 in the third inning, with the Raiderettes scoring one run in their half of the third.

Appomattox tied the score at 4-4 in the fourth inning, however, and the Raiderettes exploded for six runs in the fifth inning to 10-7, after Forest had scored three runs in their half of the fifth.

Jefferson Forest fought back, however, and tied the score at 10-all in the sixth inning. The Raiderettes prevailed in the final inning, however, when in the bottom of the seventh, with the bases loaded, Sydni Jackson walked to drive in the winning run.

"These were probably our best two games this season, offensively and defensively," Tolley said this week. "The girls played as a team, and never gave up. We found a weakness in the Jefferson Forest defense (playing the bunt) and took advantage of it to win."

Three straight bunts in the bottom of the seventh loaded the bases, allowing the forced run on Jackson's base on balls.

The coach commended Jackson for her play in this, the first game in which she started. "Jackson went three for six at the plate, scored two runs and had two RBIs," Tolley noted. "Cheatham, Jones, and McFadden also had good nights, both offensively and defensively," Tolley continued. In addition, Beth Granato went two for six in her first game as designated hitter, scored one run, and had one RBI," the coach noted.

Sheila Mullins pitched 14 innings for both wins in the double-header against Jefferson Forest.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Gretna Tuesday afternoon after the Times-Virginian deadline, and Friday the team will play a double-header against Buckingham at Buckingham.

Rustburg avenges tennis loss

Rustburg's boys' tennis team avenged a loss to the Raiders earlier this season with a 5-4 victory over Appomattox Monday night.

In singles, Appomattox's Freddie Lawson defeated Doug Engleke, 8-2; Bobby Carter defeated Paul Harvey, 8-4; and Stan Slagle defeated Elliott Bryant, 8-4.

For Rustburg, John Pendleton defeated Mike McCoy, 8-5; Kirk Owens defeated Kinkle Robinson, 8-5; and Howard Anderson lost a squeaker to Barry Hall, 9-8, after Hall won a tiebreaker, 9-7.

In doubles, the Raider team of Lawson hild Carter defeated Rustburg's Engleke and Pendleton, 8-5. Rustburg's Harvey and Owens defeated McCoy and Robinson, 8-4; and Elliott Bryant and Barry Hall defeated Appomattox's Slagle and Anderson, 8-4.

The Raiders are scheduled to finish regular-season play this week, with a match tonight (Wednesday) at Gretna, and a match Friday against Jefferson Forest at home.

The district tournament will be played May 8 - 11.

Girls defeat Gretna team

The Appomattox County High School girls' tennis team defeated Gretna 7-2 last Tuesday.

Sally Coleman defeated Gretna's Sherry Berry, 8-5, in singles. Other singles winners for Appomattox were Donna Dickerson (8-5), Monica Stratton (8-0), Dana Lee (8-4), and Susan Booker (8-0).

In doubles, Raiderettes Susan Booker and Jennifer Coleman defeated Tammy Brackerman and Debbie Collins, 8-2; Donna Dickerson and Dana Lee defeated Kim Cassidy and Angela George, 8-0.

"The girls were ready to win Tuesday, and all made some excellent shots," commented Raiderette coach Jan Jennings, herself a Gretna graduate.

"Their serves, which they've spent extra time practicing, were a definite strong point in our favor," the coach added.

The Raiderettes, with a 5-4 record, are slated to play Altavista at home today (Wednesday), and Thursday, the team will play Rustburg. The team also has a match Friday against Jefferson Forest at Forest.

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TRAINER VAN MANLEY is shown penning "Mackenzie's Money" through her routine in Appomattox County. The horse, owned by Clayton Bryant, is a 10-month-old mare which has already won more than $16,000 in barrel races and open shows. She recently placed first in the second event at Red Gate in Knoxville, Tenn., winning $2,500 in competition with 206 other horses. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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